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SUBJECT: TURKS WILL NOT ACCEPT UIGHURS FROM GITMO

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Classified By: Acting DCM Timothy A. Betts for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Acting DCM delivered reftel demarche Sept. 1 to MFA Director General for Security Affairs Amb. Hayati Guven, who agreed to consult within MFA, other ministries, and "other appropriate authorities" (the military). On Sept. 9, Guven informed PolMilCouns that Turkey will be unable to accept the Uighur former detainees for "some reasons." When pressed, Guven acknowledged that Turkey-China relations were the chief reason for the decision.

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